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1. Faysal Proclaimed King of Saudi Arabia. Following the deposition of SAUD bin Abdul-Aziz on November 2 and the proclamation of his brother, Crown Prince FAYSAL, as King of Saudi Arabia, Faysal received members of the Royal Family, the ulema, tribal leaders, and senior officers of the Army, Police, and National Guard who pledged their allegiance (bi'a) to him. Since then the Saudi press and radio have reported long lists of names of those citizens who presented their bi'a to Faysal either in person or in writing. Faysal has also been receiving messages of congratulation from other Arab and world leaders, including President JOHNSON. By the end of the week special missions headed by UAR Vice President Zakariyya MOHY AD-DIN, the Lebanese and Jordanian Prime Ministers, and the Ruler of Qatar had visited Riyadh to congratulate Faysal. The Charge in company with Jidda's diplomatic and consular corps paid respects in person November 8. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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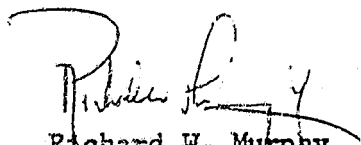
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2. U. S. Elections. Although driven into the inside pages by the overwhelming amount of coverage given to Faysal's accession, the U. S. Presidential elections continued to attract interest in the local press. Al-Bilad carried a series of articles on the U. S. elections distributed by USIS Jidda. Only an-Nadwa commented on the results of the elections, describing President Johnson's election as a "victory for reason and logic." The paper stated that most Arabs hoped for a Johnson victory and urged the President to review U. S. policy of supporting Israel.

Over thirty Saudis and personnel from other Embassies, as well as a number of resident Americans, accepted USIS Jidda's open invitation to visit the Embassy auditorium on the morning of November 4 where the results of the elections by states were posted as they came in over VOA and via the Wireless File. (UNCLASSIFIED)

For the Charge d'Affaires a.i.:


Richard W. Murphy
Second Secretary of Embassy

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